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1. IF EXCHANGE OF VETERANS GROUPS PLANNED FOR US-USSR
COMMEMORATION OF 30TH ANNIVERSARY (REFTEL), SUCH VISITS MIGHT
TIE IN WELL WITH P&C PLAN FOR STAFF-WRITTEN STORY BASED ON
MURMANSK RUN COOPERATION BUT EMPHASIZING CURRENT PEACEFUL
TIES WITHOUT DISTURBING GERMAN SENSITIVITIES. OGONYOK AGREEABLE
TO RUNNING STORY AND SENDING OWN PHOTOGRAPHER, AMERIKA
QUERIED AND SATEVEPOST AND POSSIBLY SOVIET LIFE ALSO WILL BE
APPROACHED. STORY WOULD PIVOT ON WARTIME MURMANSK GRAVES OF
U.S. MERCHANT SEAMEN BENNETT, O'BRIEN AND LIEBMAN, RECENT
VISIT BY U.S. MERCHANT VESSELS, SIX U.S. PILOTS DECORATED BY
USSR FOR CONVOY PROTECTION AND VICE-VERSA, AND PROJECTED
MURMANSK VISIT BY LENINGRAD CONSUL-GENERAL BY EARKT AORUK.
FULL DETAILS WITH IEE/LITE, WHO PLEASE CONTINUE INVESTIGATIONS
PER ABOVE. PERHAPS PENTAGON CAN HELP. PLEASE ADVISE.
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